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Dear Dr. Harvey:

I've only just now gotten around to a really thorough reading (and this time it was line by line) of "Adventures in Medical Research". I had bought this while I was still at Stanford, but not long before I was wrapped up in moving here to New York.

You can imagine that almost every page had some fascination for me. There are a number of details that I would like to question you about but generally have tried to run them down myself before bothering you.

You could save me a fair amount of extra effort, however, at this point if your own files would permit you to get ready answers to a few specific questions. So I hope you can indulge me.

1. Do you have the citation to Arnold Rich's full paper on the locus of hemoglobin degradation into bilirubin? We are missing a volume of the Bulletin that might well contain the answer.

2. I've been trying to run down the story that you give on page 286 on electric shock studies. In fact Con Ed's files had nothing on it; and our own records seem to be quite limited. Evidently there was some correspondence with Alfred E. Cohn and I will try to look into that further. But I wonder if you can clear up what was the relationship of Con Ed to Rockefeller Institute and how that in turn resulted in the "5 investigations". Besides Hopkins who were the other projects and how were they selected? I know some of the folks now at Con Ed, who also have some relationship to the University, would be interested to hear about this bit of history.

*a my summary from his Physiological Reviews
is that there was no further paper.*

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Your book was just marvelous in giving a picture of the birth and infancy of clinical investigation and greatly improved my general image of the relationship of the Rockefeller to the general background of medical research at the turn of the century. I certainly do thank you for your most commendatory remarks.

I have scanned "Science at the Bedside" and will now study it equally closely.

My overall response I cannot summarize better than by signing,

Yours affectionately,

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